

Public Law 254

CHAPTER 580

AN ACT

To provide for five-year terms of office for members of the Subversive Activities Control Board with one of such terms expiring in each calendar year.

August 5, 1955
[S. 2375]

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That section 12 (a) of the Subversive Activities Control Act of 1950 is amended by striking out the third sentence and inserting in lieu thereof the following: "The terms of office of the members of the Board in office on the date of enactment of the Subversive Activities Control Board Tenure Act shall expire at the time they would have expired if such Act had not been enacted. The term of office of each member of the Board appointed after the date of enactment of the Subversive Activities Control Board Tenure Act shall be for five years from the date of expiration of the term of his predecessor, except that (1) the term of office of that member of the Board who is designated by the President and is appointed to succeed one of the two members of the Board whose terms expire on August 9, 1955, shall be for four years from the date of expiration of the term of his predecessor, and (2) the term of office of any member appointed to fill a vacancy occurring prior to the expiration of the term for which his predecessor was appointed shall be for the remainder of the term of his predecessor. Upon the expiration of his term of office a member of the Board shall continue to serve until his successor shall have been appointed and shall have qualified."

Subversive Ac-
tivities Control
Board Tenure Act.
64 Stat. 997.
50 USC 791.

SEC. 2. This Act may be cited as the "Subversive Activities Control Board Tenure Act".

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Public Law 255

CHAPTER 615

AN ACT

To authorize the leasing of restricted Indian lands for public, religious, educational, recreational, residential, business, and other purposes requiring the grant of long-term leases.

August 9, 1955
[S. 34]

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That any restricted Indian lands, whether tribally or individually owned, may be leased by the Indian owners, with the approval of the Secretary of the Interior, for public, religious, educational, recreational, residential, or business purposes, including the development or utilization of natural resources in connection with operations under such leases, for grazing purposes, and for those farming purposes which require the making of a substantial investment in the improvement of the land for the production of specialized crops as determined by said Secretary. All leases so granted shall be for a term of not to exceed twenty-five years, excepting leases for grazing purposes, which shall be for a term of not to exceed ten years. Leases for public, religious, educational, recreational, residential, or business purposes with the consent of both parties may include provisions authorizing their renewal for one additional term of not to exceed twenty-five years, and all leases and renewals shall be made under such terms and regulations as may be prescribed by the Secretary of the Interior.

Indians.
Leasing of re-
stricted lands.

SEC. 2. Restricted lands of deceased Indians may be leased under this Act, for the benefit of their heirs or devisees, in the circumstances

and by the persons prescribed in the Act of July 8, 1940 (54 Stat. 745; 25 U. S. C., 1946 edition, sec. 380, as amended): *Provided*, That if the authority of the Secretary under this section is delegated to any subordinate official, then any heir or devisee shall have the right to appeal the action of any such official to the Secretary under such rules and regulations as he may prescribe.

SEC. 3. The Act of March 3, 1909 (35 Stat. 783; 25 U. S. C. 396) is amended by inserting before the period at the end thereof the following proviso: “: *Provided*, That if the said allottee is deceased and the heirs to or devisees of any interest in the allotment have not been determined, or, if determined, some or all of them cannot be located, the Secretary of the Interior may offer for sale leases for mining purposes to the highest responsible qualified bidder, at public auction, or on sealed bids, after notice and advertisement, upon such terms and conditions as the Secretary of the Interior may prescribe. The Secretary of the Interior shall have the right to reject all bids whenever in his judgment the interests of the Indians will be served by so doing, and to readvertise such lease for sale”.

SEC. 4. No rent or other consideration for the use of land leased under this Act shall be paid or collected more than one year in advance, unless so provided in the lease.

SEC. 5. The Secretary of the Interior shall approve no lease pursuant to this Act that contains any provision that will prevent or delay a termination of Federal trust responsibilities with respect to the land during the term of the lease.

SEC. 6. Nothing contained in this Act shall be construed to repeal any authority to lease restricted Indian lands conferred by or pursuant to any other provision of law.

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Public Law 256

CHAPTER 616

AN ACT

August 9, 1955
[S. 56]

Authorizing construction of certain public works on the Mississippi River for the protection of Saint Louis, Missouri.

Flood protec-
tion.
St. Louis, Mo.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the project for flood protection at Saint Louis, Missouri, is hereby authorized substantially as recommended by the Chief of Engineers in Senate Document Numbered 57, Eighty-fourth Congress, at an estimated cost of \$123,020,000.

Appropriation.

SEC. 2. There are hereby authorized to be appropriated such sums as may be necessary to carry out the provisions of this Act.

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Public Law 257

CHAPTER 617

AN ACT

August 9, 1955
[S. 72]

To provide that certain lands acquired by the United States shall be administered by the Secretary of Agriculture as national forest lands.

Lincoln National
Forest, N. Mex.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That those certain lands situated within the boundaries of the Lincoln National Forest, New Mexico, which were conveyed to the United States by the State